



La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2025 – 4 pm, La Jolla Riford Library Seminar Room, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037

Directors Present: Patrick Ahern, Tom Brady, Barbara Dunbar (Secretary), Chas. Dye, Ann Parode Dynes (dep. 5:30 pm), Bob Evans (President), Diane Kane (dep. 5:46 pm), Melinda Merryweather (dep. 5:46 pm), Sally Miller, Phyllis Minick,

Directors Absent and Excused:, Alexandra Corsi, Brenda Fake, Ken Hunrichs, Marie Hunrichs, Tim Seery (Treasurer), John Shannon (Vice President)

Guests Signed-In: Joaquin Quintero, Lyndee Logan, Clea Shannon, Kurt Hoffman, Bill Robbins, Nathan Brenner

Also Present: Larry Asakawa, Robyn Davidoff, Ashley Mackin-Solomon (*La Jolla Light*), Seonaid McArthur,

Verification of Quorum, Call Meeting to Order:

President Bob Evans declared a quorum of 10/16 Directors, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and welcomed attendees. Quorum 9/16 at 5:30 p.m. Quorum lost at 5:46 p.m., only 7/16 Directors present.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for the July 28, 2025, meeting was unanimously approved. (10-0-0)

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 23, 2025, LJP&B Meeting:

The minutes of the June 28, 2025, LJP&B meeting were approved. (10-0-0)

Approval of June 2025 Treasurer's Financial Reports:

Directors received the reconciled June 2025 LJP&B Financial Statements for review.

The June 2025 LJPB Financial Report was approved. (10-0-0)

Ms. Dunbar was thanked and applauded for preparing recent financial reports.

Report from Council President LaCava's Office – Bob Evans introduced the new CD1 representative Joaquin Quintero who replaces Emily Lynch. Mr. Quintero gave a brief report. Sally Miller stated her objections to proposed paid parking at Balboa Park and shoreline beach and park areas. Others present agreed. Mr. Quintero noted that the "PB Tower" (23-story project at 970 Turquoise St.) is currently under City DSD review.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office – Community Representative Fatima Maciel was not present.

President's Report – President Evans noted that there will be a vote at the January annual LJPB meeting to appoint 8 LJPB Directors. Four Directors will be termed out. Directors are needed to fill six 3-year terms, one 2-year term, and one 1-year term due to terms limits, two unfilled positions, and two recent resignations. Requirements include attendance at 3 LJPB meetings during the 12-month period preceding the January elections, a completed candidate application with documents, and proof of qualification. There were discussions about quorums, elections, bylaws, and soliciting new Directors which will be discussed further at a future meeting. President Evans noted that the La Jolla Library is closed on Mondays due to the City budget cuts. The August LJPB meeting will be on Tuesday August 26 at 4 pm.

Non-agenda and Public Comments -

Melinda Merryweather noted opposition to the City's Scripps Park Sidewalk Widening project adjacent to Coast Blvd. as a waste of funds. President Evans noted that the \$100,000 sidewalk project is being done internally by the Parks and Recreations and Transportation Departments. Diane Kane expressed concerns about excessive numbers of tourists and traffic issues at La Jolla shoreline parks and wants tourism to be managed/regulated. Tom Brady inquired about hybrid meetings. Phyllis Minick applauded Chas. Dye for his *La Jolla Living* article.

Action Items

1. Melinda Merryweather incurred \$29.23 in expenses regarding the Windansea Stones Project.
The motion to approve reimbursement to Ms. Merryweather in the amount of \$29.23 from the Friends of Windansea restricted account for the Windansea Path Stones Project was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)
2. Debbie Adams incurred \$102.36 in expenses for Fay Avenue Bike Path clean-up.
The motion to approve reimbursement to Debbie Adams in the amount of \$102.36 from the Fay Avenue Bike Path restricted account for Bike Path expenses was approved unanimously. (10-0-0)



Working Group Updates

3. Scripps Park Picnic Grove II Working Group – President Evans stated that an additional \$20,000 of funds are needed to complete the project which is on track and moving forward.
4. Camino de la Costa Beach Access Stairs Working Group – Patrick Ahern reported that the working group is scheduled to meet in August to discuss replacement and repair options and other issues. Ms. Merryweather asked whether just the railing could be replaced/repared in order to save on costs.
5. La Jolla Coastal Trail Working Group – Per Chas Dye, the group met on July 23 and made progress. They discussed the need to create statements that succinctly describe the project for target audiences, including information, a logo, the historical and unique aspects, and more. Anticipated costs are unknown since the scope of the project has not been determined. This trail section is a portion of the California Coastal Trail.
6. Bottom Scratcher Memorial – Discussion of a proposed QR code addition to the plaque will be discussed at a future meeting if necessary. President Evans introduced Lindee Logan whose father was the 6th member of the Bottom Scratchers. She discussed some memories and historical documents and efforts to make some documents available to the La Jolla Historical Society. Ms. Minick provided some background. At the end of the meeting, it was noted that a QR code would be attached near the bottom of the existing plaque.
7. La Jolla Park Historic District – Seonaid McArthur announced that an online historical exhibit has been completed and will be available for viewing through Google Arts and Culture. After one year, there is slow progress on the Whale View Point Stairway Project. The City has differing opinions about the process and permit requirements for repair or restoration work within the historical district. They are facing delays while attempting to move forward.
8. Windansea Barrier Project/ Belvedere – Ms. Merryweather mentioned that the belvedere will be placed once a concrete pad is poured. The Windansea Surf Club did another monthly clean up at Windansea Beach.
9. Jolla Cove Access Work Group – Chas. Dye reported on a meeting with the staff for Council President Joe LaCava (CD1) and five important components including 1) signage; 2) scripts for bus tour operators to give to their riders/clients; 3) proposed designated pinniped viewing areas up and away from the marine mammals; 4) Rangers (boots on the ground) who can patrol, educate, and enforce/ticket; and 5) various animal deterrents. They are seeking feedback from LaCava's office. Kurt Hoffman noted that La Jolla has turned into a sea lion/seal overpopulated mecca. Ms. Kane asked how many tour buses go to the Cove and noted there should be a limit although there is no simple solution. Others suggested limiting the number of tour buses and the number of people and enforcing the rules.
10. Fay Ave Bike Path – Ms. Adams reported that the very dry season is creating a dry brush and fire hazard problem. Her volunteers are clearing, trimming, and removing dead and dying vegetation and are pruning bushes and trees that have become top heavy and unstable. Some trees have been lost during the drought despite efforts to save them. More donation funds are needed for the ongoing cleanup projects. Bike path speed limit and e-bike rules and regulations signage are awaited and long overdue.
11. Bird Rock Parks – no report
12. Coast Walk Trail – The Coast Walk Trail annual fundraiser and usual evening of music, food and conservation will “take a hike off the trail to the La Jolla Historical Society,” and will include a concert by the Alison Brown Quintet, dinner, cocktails, and a silent auction. “Cocktails Off Coast Walk” is set for 6 pm Thursday, Sept 25, in the garden at the La Jolla Historical Society and will include the announcement of the expansion of the new La Jolla Coastal Conservancy nonprofit, dedicated to protecting the local coastline. Proceeds from the event support Friends of Coast Walk Trail's efforts to preserve and maintain the trail, including projects like repairing the trail bridge. The fundraiser to support the historic La Jolla Coast trail is usually held on the trail itself, but not this year.

Discussion Item

13. Developing LJ Community Groups' Capital Improvements Project List – Bob Evans noted an upcoming meeting with representatives from La Jolla community Planning Association (LJCPA), La Jolla Shores Association (LJSA), La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB), and Bird Rock Community Council (BRCC) to agree upon a proposed jointly-issued Capital Improvement Project list. This has been an effective method in the past for getting potential City CIP project before Council District 1 and the City Council as a whole. Various projects (from prior year lists and a few new ones) were discussed.
14. Brief discussion of Boomer Beach access problems with Larry Asakawa. There was a request to reconfigure the access for safety and to discuss this further at a future meeting.

Adjournment The motion to adjourn at 5:46 pm to the August 26, 2025, meeting at 4 p.m. at the La Jolla Library was unanimously approved. (7-0-0) Minutes by Barbara Dunbar